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from other States have paid high compliments to the Madras State which is leading other States in the matter of co-operation.''

Half-yearly Irrigation Conferences.

* 312 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the purpose of holding Half-yearly Irrigation Conferences?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' To afford increased opportunities for consultation between ryots and Government officers on irrigation matters, to discuss difficulties experienced by the ryots and consider possible prompt remedial measures, where necessary and to explain to ryots the problem of equitable distribution of the available water in times of scarcity and obtain their co-operation in introducing and working a turn system.''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' Is the Hon. Minister aware that only matters relating to major irrigation schemes are discussed in the Conference and the subject of minor irrigation schemes is not at all discussed there? As the Minor Irrigation Supervisors are not attending the Conference at present, will the Government consider the question of asking them also to attend the Conference? As I understand that many of the recommendations of the Conference are not implemented, will the Government issue instructions to the authorities concerned that they should implement the recommendations of the Conference without delay? ''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' Sir, it is not correct to say that many of the recommendations of the Conference have not been implemented. As a matter of fact, many of the schemes recommended by the Conference have been executed and there are only five schemes which have not been executed in 1952 and twelve schemes in 1953. As for associating the Minor Irrigation Supervisors with the Conference, we shall have to examine the suggestion of the hon. Member.''

SRI S. THINAKARASAMI THEVAR :—'' Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister for Public Works whether the Government have given strict instructions to the authorities concerned to carry out the suggestions of the non-official members of the Irrigation Conference? ''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' All those suggestions and recommendations come to the Government who review them. The Government do not give any such instructions to the officers as mentioned by the hon. Member.''

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—'' From my experience, I find that due notice is not given to the ryots. Will the Government

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be pleased to issue necessary instructions to the authorities concerned that they should give due notice to the ryots who are likely to be affected by the decisions that may be taken at the Irrigation Conference? ''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Certainly it should be done. If it is not done, I shall look into it.''

SRI P. CHELLATHURAI :—" அரை ஆண்டு நீர்ப்பாசன மகாநாட் 11-50 a.m.
டில் செய்யப்படும் தீர்மானங்களை அரசாங்கம் அப்படியே ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள வேண்டுமென்ற நிர்ப்பந்தம் உண்டா ? ''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No, Sir.''

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" புதிய பாசன பிரதேசங்களில் புதிய தொந்தரவுகள் ஏராளமாக இருப்பதால் நீர்ப்பாசன மகாநாடு ஆறு மாதங்களுக்கு ஒரு தடவை கூடுவதற்குப் பதிலாக மூன்று மாதங்களுக்கு ஒரு தடவை கூடுவதற்கான ஏற்பாட்டைச் செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஆலோசிக்குமா ?''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Hon. Members are complaining about the non-implementation of the decisions taken once in six months. Now the hon. Member who has just now put the question, wants them to meet once in three months. Then my position would be made awkward.''

SRI K. V. RAMASAMI :—" அரை வருஷ நீர்ப்பாசன மகாநாடு அரை நாள் தான் நடைபெறுகிறது. அதாவது காலை 11 மணிக்கு ஆரம்பித்து மாலை 3 மணிக்கு முடிவடைந்துவிடுகிறது. ஏராளமான விவசாயிகள் மகாநாட்டுக்கு வருகிறார்கள். அவர்கள் தங்களுடைய குறைகளை அதிகாரிகளிடத்தில் எடுத்துச் சொல்வதற்குப் போதிய அவகாசம் இருப்பதில்லை. அதிகாரிகளுக்கும் அவைகளுக்குப் பதில் சொல்வதற்கு நேரம் இருப்பதில்லை. ஆகவே நீர்ப்பாசன மகாநாடு அரை நாளில் முடிவுறுவதற்குப் பதிலாக இரண்டு நாட்கள் வரை நடத்தப்படும்படியான ஏற்பாட்டை சர்க்கார் செய்வதற்கு முயற்சி செய்வார்களா ?''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We shall ask the Collectors to see to that, Sir.''

Location of fire stations in the City.

* 313 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the basis on which the fire stations are located in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The location of fire stations in the Madras City is based on the fire risks involved in the respective areas and the availability of Government sites for erecting the buildings.''

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think a few days ago a similar question came up before the House.''